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SUBJECT: CIVIL AVIATION SALES - MESSAGE FROM WORLD AIRWAYS

1. COLONEL REITER ASKED FOLLOWING MESSAGE TO BE PASSED TO GOM: QUOTE TO AMBASSADOR MCGUIRE: APPRECIATE YOUR ASSISTANCE IN FOLLOWING MATTER. YOU WILL RECALL DURING MY MALI VISIT MID-AUGUST THAT MINISTER DOUKARA SOUGHT MY ASSISTANCE IN LOCATING ON BEHALF OF GOM ONE LOCKHEED L-100-20 OR C-130 AIRCRAFT FOR FOOD AIRLIFT WITHIN MALI. AFTER THOROUGH SEARCH OF MARKET WE LOCATED AN AIRCRAFT AVAILABLE FROM AN ALASKAN CARRIER.

2. QUOTE ON SEPT 15, I CABLED COMMANDANT DOUKARA, INFORMING HIM THAT A/C HAD BEEN LOCATED AND THAT DETAILED DESCRIPTION WOULD FOLLOW. BY SUBSEQUENT TELEX OF 19 SEPT, THROUGH OUR BAMAKO WORLD AIRWAYS REP, I INFORMED DOUKARA OF A/C DESCRIPTION AND PRICE AND URGED THAT CAPT. ALIOU TRAORE PROCEED IMMEDIATELY TO CALIFORNIA IN THE EVENT MALI GOVT WISHED TO FOLLOW THROUGH ON THIS RARE OPPORTUNITY TO ACQUIRE THIS TYPE A/C ON USED MARKET.

3. QUOTE IN SPITE OF REPEATED EFFORTS TO OBTAIN REPLY THROUGH DIRECT CABLE, THROUGH BAMAKO REP AND MALI EMBASSY
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ASHINGTON (MR. DIAW) THERE HAS BEEN NO RESPONSE. YOUR
EFFORTS ON OUR BEHALF TO OBTAIN IMMEDIATE REPLY WILL BE
GREATLY APPRECIATED. REGARDS, BRIAN COOKE, SR. VP WORLD
AIRWAYS TELEX 335 479 OR OAKZZWO PHONE (415) 577-2007
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